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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - FEBRUARY 8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR FEBRUARY 8,
1977:

SPOKESMAN: WE ARE REPLYING, HOWEVER, WITH REGARD TO A
QUESTION YESTERDAY AND ON FRIDAY ABOUT MR. JIRYIS.

WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO SEEK THE WAIVERS THAT WOULD ALLOW
MR. JIRYIS TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ATTENDING THE QUAKER CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND.

Q. TO TAKE THAT OUT OF BUREAUCRATIC TALK, DOES THAT MEAN
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YOU'RE TURNING HIM DOWN?

A. THAT IS CORRECT.

Q. HE CAN'T COME TO THE UNITED STATES?

A. THAT IS CORRECT. WE ARE NOT REQUESTING THE NECESSARY
WAIVERS FOR HIM TO RECEIVE A VISA TO COME FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Q. SO WHY DID YOU DECIDE NOT TO ALLOW HIM TO COME?

A. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN TWO WAIVERS REQUIRED; ONE FOR
THE FACT THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION PROSCRIBED
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 212(A)28F OF THE IMMIGRA-
TION AND NATIONALITY ACT--

Q. I'D LIKE TO GET THAT AGAIN. 212 --?

A. --212(A)28F OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF
1953. THAT IS THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION. HE
WOULD NEED A WAIVER UNDER THAT PARAGRAPH. HE WOULD ALSO
NEED A WAIVER WITH REGARD TO THE FALSIFICATION OF INFOR-
MATION ON A PREVIOUS VISA APPLICATION.

THERE IS A PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING A WAIVER FOR THAT SECOND INSTANCE.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THESE WAIVERS WOULD NOT BE GRANTED IN THE CASE OF MR. JIRYIS.

Q. WHOSE WAIVERS ARE THESE, TECHNICALLY? ARE THESE THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICES'?

A. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT THE INS SHOULD GRANT A WAIVER. IN THIS CASE WE DID NOT RECOMMEND IN FAVOR.

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Q. AND YOU AUTOMATICALLY EXPECT IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION TO FOLLOW YOUR -- OR ARE THEY BOUND THEN BY YOUR DECISIONS? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

A. THEY HAVE TO HAVE A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FOR WAIVER OF THAT PROVISION OF THE ACT, AND IF THEY DO NOT GET IT THEY DO NOT --

Q. YOU STILL HAVEN'T SAID WHY YOU'VE DECIDED NOT TO ASK FOR THE WAIVER, FRED -- OR WAIVERS.

A. UNDER SOME LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, KEN, WE DO GRANT WAIVERS OF THIS SORT -- MAINLY FOR FAMILY OR COMPASSIONATE REASONS -- AND WE HAVE OCCASIONALLY ALLOWED A PLO REPRESENTATIVE, OR PEOPLE AFFILIATED WITH THE PLO, TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT NOT FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

Q. YOU MEAN USUALLY FOR FAMILY OR COMPASSIONATE REASONS?

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A. YES. NOW, IN THE CASE OF MR. JIRYIS, IF HE WERE TO GIVE A SPEECH AT THIS QUAKER MEETING, THAT WOULD BE REASONABLY CONSTRUED, I WOULD SAY, AS POLITICAL ACTIVITY. AND FOR THAT REASON OUR RECOMMENDATION WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF THE WAIVERS.

Q. HAS THIS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE QUAKERS? HAVE THEY BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS IN ANY WAY?

A. THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED, YES.

Q. THEY INVITED HIM? JIRYIS?

A. THEY INVITED HIM, YES.

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Q. WERE THEY DISCUSSING WITH YOU THE SITUATION, TRYING TO GET THE WAIVERS FOR HIM? HAVE THEY COME ACROSS --

A. THEY ISSUED THE INVITATION TO HIM.

Q. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT HAVE THEY BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH YOU TRYING TO GET YOUR -- OR TRYING TO INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CONTACT THERE HAS BEEN WITH THE QUAKERS; BUT, OBVIOUSLY, THEY ISSUED THE INVITATION TO HIM AND THEY WANTED HIM TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR. YOU MIGHT ASK THEM WHAT THEY HAVE DONE WITH REGARD TO SPEAKING UP FOR HIS CASE. I DO KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO GET THE WAIVERS.

Q. WHAT IS THE QUAKER GROUP'S NAME, DO YOU KNOW?

A. IT IS THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, HAVING A MEETING IN BETHESDA, FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH 14; AND THE CONFERENCE IS ENTITLED, "THE NEW IMPERATIVE FOR ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE."

Q. AND MY RECOLLECTION WAS THAT HE WAS BORN IN THE SUDAN BUT HE SAID HE WAS BORN SOMEPLACE ELSE, IS THAT RIGHT?

A. BORN IN ISRAEL.

Q. IN WHERE? (LAUGHTER.)

Q. THE HOLY LAND.

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A. AS I RECALL, HE STATED IN HIS ORIGINAL APPLICATION UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT HE WAS BORN IN THE SUDAN; AND THAT WAS NOT ACCURATE. HE WAS BORN, AS I RECALL IT, IN ISRAEL -- AND HE HAS NOW STATED -- HE DID STATE ON THE SECOND APPLICATION -- THE ACCURATE INFORMATION.

Q. WHERE IN ISRAEL?

A. PARDON ME?

Q. DID HE SAY WHERE IN ISRAEL?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. WE DO NOT GIVE OUT INFORMATION BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT ON VISA APPLICATIONS, BUT I DO RECALL IT WAS ISRAEL.

Q. WHAT IS HIS TITLE? I MEAN HAS HE GOT A TITLE WITH THE PLO, OR IS IT WITH THE FATAH OR SOME OTHER SUCH GROUP, OR

A. I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHAT TITLE HE GOES BY. HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE, HOWEVER.

Q. IF HE GAVE YOU THE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON WHERE HE WAS BORN, WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM ON THAT WAIVER?

A. BECAUSE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE PLO AND THE FACT THAT HE HAD -- THERE ARE TWO REASONS.

Q. ONCE YOU LIE ON AN APPLICATION YOU'RE DOOMED FOREVER?

A. NO. I JUST SAID THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR GETTING A WAIVER. ONCE YOU HAVE FALSIFIED INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION -- IF YOU WISH TO FILE YOUR APPLICATION A SECOND TIME AND YOU FILL IN THE APPLICATION CORRECTLY, YOU HAVE TO GET A WAIVER BECAUSE YOU HAVE FALSIFIED. SO THAT WAS ONE REASON FOR A WAIVER. THE SECOND WAS MEMBERSHIP IN AN ORGANIZATION PROSCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PARAGRAPH OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT THAT I HAVE JUST READ YOU.

Q. WELL, BUT I MEAN ON THE FIRST POINT, SINCE HE WAS NOW GIVING YOU ACCURATE INFORMATION, WHY DID YOU NOT GIVE HIM THE WAIVER ON THAT POINT? SINCE HE WAS NOW GIVING HIS TRUE PLACE OF BIRTH, WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM?

A. BECAUSE WE DID NOT CHOOSE TO GRANT THE WAIVER FOR THE REASONS THAT WE HAVE JUST GONE OVER WITH REGARD TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE SEMINAR. TO ME IT MAKES SENSE.

Q. FRED, IF I RECALL IT, THE PLO HAS GOT AN INFORMATION OFFICE OF SOME VARIETY IN NEW YORK CITY.

A. THAT IS RIGHT.

Q. IF THE QUAKERS WANTED TO HEAR THE PLO VIEWPOINT, WOULD THEY BE A LIBERTY TO INVITE SOME REPRESENTATIVE FROM NEW YORK CITY TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO EXPRESS IT? I MEAN WOULD THE PERSON BE PERMITTED TO COME?

A. THE INFORMATION OFFICE, ITSELF?

Q. WELL, INFORMATION OFFICE OR SOME OTHER OFFICE. SOME PLO REPRESENTATIVE WHO RESIDES HERE.

A. IF IT IS THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OBSERVER MISSION

TO THE UNITED NATIONS, HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE 25 MILE RADIUS AROUND NEW YORK; AND, AS YOU KNOW THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS -- SOMETIMES TURNED DOWN, SOMETIMES GRANTED -- BUT IF A MEMBER OF THE PLO MISSION IN NEW YORK WERE INVITED, HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT. I THINK IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT IF HE WERE COMING DOWN FOR THIS PURPOSE

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-- WHICH IS CONSTRUED AS POLITICAL ACTIVITY -- IT WOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

Q. WOULD THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY HAS AN IMPORTANT MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST COMING UP ON THE 14TH, I THINK, HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON THE DECISION CONCERNING MR. JIRYIS' APPLICATION?

A. I THINK THE SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING TRIP WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

Q. HAVE YOU EVER GRANTED A WAIVER FOR A PLO REPRESENTATIVE FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS PERSONAL OR FAMILY BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES?

A. THE PLO OBSERVER MISSION PEOPLE?

A. ANY PLO TYPES THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ANY REASON. THE OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS --

A. OTHER THAN FAMILY AND COMPASSION?

Q. THAT'S RIGHT.

A. NOT THAT I KNOW OF. THE INFORMATION I HAVE IS THAT IT IS MAINLY FOR FAMILY AND COMPASSIONATE --

Q. AND YOU HAVE ASKED TO CHECK ON THEM IN THE PAST?

A. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK ON -- I WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK IN HISTORY, SINCE THEIR SETTING UP OF AN OBSERVER MISSION AT THE UN, AND FIND OUT HOW MANY.

Q. YOU HAVE CHASTIZED SOME OF THESE PEOPLE -- FOR HAVING OBVIATED THE REGULATIONS WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN TRAVELING.

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A. THAT IS CORRECT, KEN, WE HAVE -- BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT LIVED UP TO THE TERMS OF THE WAIVER.

Q. SO DENIAL OF THIS WAIVER IS NO VARIANCE AT ALL OF PAST PRACTICE OR POLICY, IS IT?

A. NO. IT REALLY IS NOT. IT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS PLO REPRESENTATIVES--VERY CONSISTENT.

Q. FRED, I'M SORRY TO STILL BE CONFUSED, BUT THE PROSCRIBED ORGANIZATION FACTOR -- DOES THAT APPLY TO THE MISSION AT THE UN? IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT SHORTHAND.

A. THE PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO THE PLO OBSERVER MISSION AT THE UN HAVE A DIPLOMATIC STATUS THAT PERMITS THEM TO GET AROUND THIS PROSCRIPTION, BUT IF THEY TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE -- 25 MILE LIMIT OF NEW YORK CITY, THEN THEY COME INTO THE GENERAL POLICY CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING TRAVEL WAIVERS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. BUT THAT DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEIR VISA, THEIR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON. THE VISA IS PERMISSION TO ENTER THE COUNTRY; AND SINCE THIS MAN JIRYIS IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE OBSERVER MISSION AND DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS, HE HAS TO GET A VISA WAIVER.

Q. FRED, TO YOUR RECOLLECTION, HOW MANY CASES HAVE YOU CHASTIZED? I RECALL ONE THAT CAME DOWN TO HAVE LUNCH WITH SENATOR ABOUREZK, AND THEN SUDDENLY APPEARED ON TV, AND ANOTHER ONE THAT WAS GOING TO SEE HIS FAMILY, I THINK -- AND ENDED UP ON A TOUR OF CAMPUSES. ARE THERE ANY OTHER INSTANCES, DO YOU RECALL?

A. I WOULD NOT -- I CANNOT VOUCH FOR YOUR DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE VIOLATIONS OF THE UNDERSTANDING OCCURRED WITH REGARD TO FORMER TRIPS BY PLO MEMBERS, BUT I CAN RECALL

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TWO INSTANCES IN WHICH WE HAVE TOLD THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED THAT THEY WENT BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHY THEY WERE MAKING THE TRIP.

Q. ARE YOU SAYING THEN THAT THIS MAN'S APPLICATION WAS REJECTED BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT WANT TO SEND OUT ANY SIGNALS OF U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLO AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME?

A. NO. I AM SAYING THAT WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT WAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, NO DOUBT.

Q. IN WHAT WAY WAS IT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT?

A. JUST THE WAY I HAVE DESCRIBED IT TO YOU.

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